



State Soil Conservation Board

Clean Water Indiana Grant Updates



What's New in CWI 2020

SWCD-Led Competitive Grants

- Guidance
 - Due date is September 11th.
 - Removed restrictions on rain barrels.
 - Clarified that lead districts must meet deadlines as outlined in Indiana Code, and CWI grant reporting must be up to date.
 - Changed "*To verify that seed mixes are free of these species, a district can request the seed lab card from the distributor*" to **MUST request a seed lab card.**
- Application
 - Limited attachments to 3 pages versus 5 pages.
 - Applications will NOT be blind scored this year.
 - Removed Preventing Workplace Harassment Training and Success Stories from self-assessment.
 - Removed Annual Financial Report entered into Gateway from deadline requirement.
 - Removed Recommendation for Temporary or Vacant Appointment: Within 30 days of vacancy from deadline requirement.

Non-SWCD Led Competitive Grants

- Guidance
 - Maintains that this is a competitive opportunity.
 - All applicants who have NOT received CWI funds in the past must submit a Concept paper by July 16th to the State Soil Conservation Board meeting to be reviewed at the July 21st board meeting.
 - At the July meeting the SSCB will determine which proposals they would like to invite to submit a full application.
 - Application deadline is September 11th for a consistent timeline with SWCD-led grants
 - Applications will be scored and ranked alongside the SWCD-led proposals for funding consideration. The CWI grants committee will present their recommendations for both SWCD-led and Non-SWCD led projects at the October SSCB meeting.
 - Maintains that applications must be submitted by natural resource related conservation groups.
 - Project dates are now standardized to begin on January 1st.
 - Changed "*To verify that seed mixes are free of these species, a district can request the seed lab card from the distributor*" to **MUST request a seed lab card.**

- Application non-SWCD
 - Added that applicants must submit letter(s) of support from SWCD(s).

GMS (Grants Management Software)

GMS is the new web based grant management software the state will be using on all grants for submitting applications, reporting, communications, modifications, and invoicing. The 2021 Grant applications will be submitted via GMS. GMS will be available to districts and non-SWCDs to submit their application two weeks prior to the deadline. The application may a little different formatting than the current application, however, it will have all the same information. Also, the 2019 and 2020 active grants will be using GMS for reporting. Any questions or concerns about the GMS program can be sent to the DSSs or Leah Harmon.